

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM**

Mayor's Order 2008-34  
February 27, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of the Mayor's Authority under the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007 to Chair Special Community Meeting Relating to Reorganization and Rightsizing Plan for the District of Columbia Public Schools.

**ORIGINATING AGENCY:** Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(2), (6), and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(2), (6), and (11) (2006 Repl.), and Section 103 of the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007 (the "Reform Act"), effective June 12, 2007 (D.C. Law 17-9, D.C. Official Code § 38-172) (2007 Supp.)), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO CHAIR SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING:**


The Mayor delegates to Victor Reinoso, Deputy Mayor for Education, and to the following officials of the District of Columbia Public Schools the authority to chair the special community meeting on the Reorganization and Rightsizing Plan for the District of Columbia Public Schools to be held on February 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.:

Kaya Henderson, Deputy Chancellor  
Richard Nyankori, Special Assistant to the Chancellor  
Michelle Rhee, Chancellor  
Lisa Marie Ruda, Chief of Staff

2. **AUTHORITY TO SUBDELEGATE:** The Mayor further delegates to Chancellor Michelle Rhee authority to subdelegate to subordinates any authority delegated under this Mayor's Order.

3. **EFFECT:** This Mayor's Order supersedes all previous Mayors' Orders to the extent of any inconsistency therein.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall be effective February 27, 2008.

  
ADRIAN M. FENTY  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
STEPHANIE D. SCOTT  
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA


**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Andrew T. Richardson III  
Deputy General Counsel  
Executive Office of the Mayor

**FROM:** Wayne C. Witkowski  
Deputy Attorney General  
Legal Counsel Division 

**DATE:** January 8, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Review of Draft Mayor's Order Delegating the Mayor's Authority under the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007 to Chair Special Community Meetings Relating to the Reorganization and Rightsizing Plan for the District of Columbia Public Schools (AM-08-011)

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This memorandum responds to your request today that this Office review the above-referenced Mayor's Order ("Order") for legal sufficiency on an expedited basis.

The Order would delegate to Deputy Mayor for Education Victor Reinoso, District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS") General Counsel James J. Sandman, and a number of named DCPS employees the authority under the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007, effective June 12, 2007 (D.C. Law 17-9, D.C. Official Code § 38-172 (2007 Supp.)), to chair special community meetings relating to the reorganization and rightsizing plan for DCPS. The Order would further delegate to the Chancellor the authority to subdelegate to subordinates any authority delegated under the Order.

The Order is unnecessary with respect to all delegees who are DCPS employees.<sup>1</sup> In Mayor's Order 2007-186, the Mayor delegated to the Chancellor "the authority vested in the Mayor by the District of Columbia Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007" and "the authority vested in the Mayor to perform any and all executive duties and/or functions necessary to govern the public schools of the District of Columbia." Chairing special community meetings required under Chapter 36 of Title 5 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is within that

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<sup>1</sup> Victor Reinoso and James Sandman are the only delegees who are not DCPS employees.

initial delegation of authority. The Chancellor is therefore already authorized to delegate to her subordinates the task of chairing a special community meeting.<sup>2</sup>

Although it is largely redundant, the Order is nevertheless legally sufficient.

I am enclosing with this memorandum two documents. One is a revised version of the Order. The other is a tracked changes version so that you can see the changes I made to the Order. Please use the revised version. In addition, please be sure to send the Order to Clifton Posey in the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances to ensure proper formatting.

Should you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Jason Spitalnick in the Legal Counsel Division by telephone at 724-6528 or by email at [jason.spitalnick@dc.gov](mailto:jason.spitalnick@dc.gov), or me at 724-5524.

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<sup>2</sup> It bears noting that, although the relevant regulations establish that the Board of Education member representing the affected community chair such meetings, that provision was impliedly repealed by the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007.